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SUBJECT: VISIT GIORGIO BIFFIGNANDI METROPOLITANA TORINESE

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1. USDOC WELCOMES VISIT BY TURIN DELEGATION AND WILL
EXTEND ASSISTANCE WHEREVER POSSIBLE. TENTATIVE
PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANGED. HOWEVER, MORE INFORMATION ON EXACT
INTERESTS AND STATUS OF GROUP NECESSARY BEFORE DETAILS OF VISIT
CAN BE CONFIRMED.

2. USDOC NEEDS FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. IS DELEGATION'S VISIT LIMITED TO 5 WORKING DAYS?

B. IS GROUP WILLING TO SPLIT-UP SO THAT SIMILAR GROUPS
CAN VISIT DIFFERENT PLANTS IN DIFFERENT AREAS? SOME PLANTS
RELUCTANT/UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE GROUP OF 15. C. AS PLANTS
ALL OUTSIDE WASHINGTON AREA, IS DELEGATION WILLING TO
TRAVEL? IS CALIFORNIA TOO FAR FOR GROUP TO TRAVEL? D. DOES
DELEGATION WISH SPEAK TO SUBWAY CONSULTING FIRMS? E. DOES
DELEGATION ISH SPEAK TO ANY SPECIFIC FIRMS OTHER THAN

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THOSE LISTED BELOW?

3. SINCE INSTITUTE FOR RAPID TRANSIT (IRT) CONFERENCE BEING HELD LOS ANGELES WEEK OF JUNE 17-21, ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INTERESTED ASSOCIATION CONTACTS, AND MANY MEMBERS OF INDUSTRY WILL BE IN LOS ANGELES AT CONFERENCE DURING THAT WEEK. THEREFORE, SUGGEST DELEGATION SCHEDULE VISIT FOR WEEK JUNE 24-28 OR FOR A LATER DATE .

4. DELEGATION PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR 3 1/2 HOUR VIP TOUR OF WASHINGTON METRO SYSTEM ON JUNE 24. USDOC WILL ENDEAVOR TO SUPPLY INTERPRETER FOR METRO TOUR BUT UNABLE TO PROVIDE ESCORT OFFICER. METRO UNABLE PROVIDE TOUR VEHICLE FOR MORE THAN 14 PEOPLE. THEREFORE, DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUS FOR METRO TOUR. USDOC ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY OFFICIALS (WMATA) TO EITHER PRECEDE OR FOLLOW METRO TOUR.

5. URBAN MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY (UMTA) OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) WOULD WELCOME VISIT BY DELEGATION DURING WEEK OF JUNE 24. BELIEVE MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE USDOC OFFICIALS CAN ALSO BE ARRANGED.

6. SEVERAL MANUFACTURERS OF HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO CONDUCT PLANT TOURS. CLARK EQUIPMENT WILLING ACCOMMODATE SOME OF DELEGATION AT EACH OF ITS THREE PLANTS MANUFACTURING HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. CLARK'S PLANTS LOCATED IN LIMA, OHIO; AURORA, ILLINOIS; AND BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN. FIAT-ALLIS CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY INC. ANXIOUS DELEGATION TO VISIT HEADQUARTERS NEAR CHICAGO. FIAT-ALLIS HAS PLANTS IN SPRINGFIELD AND DEARFIELD, ILLINOIS AND WILL ARRANGE TOURS AS TIME ALLOWS.

7. ROLLING STOCK - ROHR INDUSTRIES WANT SHOW DELEGATION PLANT IN CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA. ROHR ALSO WANT DELEGATION TO SEE THEIR BART SYSTEM IN OPERATION IN SAN FRANCISCO. BOEING VERTOL WILLING SHOW DELEGATION PLANT IN PHILADELPHIA. PULLMAN-STANDARD ALSO WILLING SHOW DELEGATION UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR CHICAGO PLANT. COMMERCE WILL ALERT ABOVE FIRMS ON POSSIBLE TURIN DELEGATION VISIT WHEN DEFINITE DATES ARE KNOWN.

8. DELEGATION SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT USDOC CANNOT MAKE TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS. ALSO, USDOC CANNOT PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR LOCAL TOURS EITHER WASHINGTON OR OTHER CITIES. SUGGEST ALL TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE THROUGH LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT AND/OR

AIRLINE. THERE COULD ALSO BE PROBLEM WITH INTERPRETERS IN AREAS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON. ALSO, DELEGATION MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL BEAR ALL EXPENSES.

9. USDOC RECOMMENDS THAT TOURS OF FIAT-ALLIS, ROHR AND BART SYSTEM BE INCLUDED IN VISIT. USDOC REQUESTS DAILY ITINERARY BE SENT ASAP SO THAT PROPER PEOPLE CAN BE NOTIFIED OF EXACT DATES OF DELEGATION'S VISIT.

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